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Examiner :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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S I R :

Submitted herewith is an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report which was issued in International Application No. PCT/JP02/10652, of which the present application is a Continuation.

All of the documents cited in the International Preliminary Examination Report were submitted to the USPTO with the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 13, 2004.

Said communication is in English, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for any non-English language documents cited therein (MPEP 609 III A(3)).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A filed April 13, 2004 to confirm that the documents listed therein have all been considered and made of record. It is further respectfully

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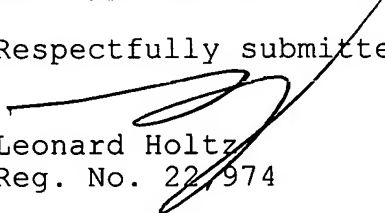
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requested that the Examiner consider the enclosed English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report when considering the present application on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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